(v) Visit of the Area Officers of the Ministry at regular intervals to State/DRDAs.

(vi) The Ministry has started obtaining the information from the State Government regarding holding of State Level Coordination Committee (SLCC) and State Level Banking Committee (SLBC) meetings.

Road Links under PMGSY

†2857. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 1,41,085 rural settlements were targeted for providing road links in the country by March, 2005 under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether this target has actually been achieved; and

(d) if not, the percentage of target achieved by that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana envisaged connectivity to all unconnected rural habitations with population of 500 persons and above (250 in the case of Hill States, tribal (Schedule V) areas and desert areas) through all-weather road by the end of the Tenth Plan period.

(c) and (d) 1,72,787 habitations were found eligible for coverage under the programme, against which, States have reported coverage of 27,833 habitations till May, 2006.

Awas Guarantee Yojana

†2858. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Awas Guarantee Yojana is being formulated for the rural people;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.